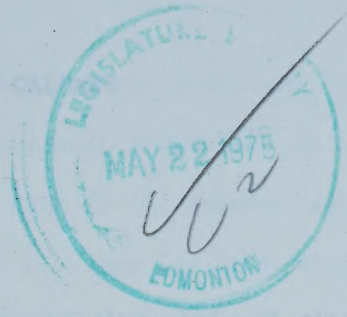


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Note that a consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movements in prices, faced by consumers, within the specific city. Thus, consumer price indexes for regional cities cannot be used to compare levels of price between cities.

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities during April with increases ranging from 0.3% in Quebec, Ottawa and Regina and declining in the other six. Generally, quotations were higher for dairy, bakery and cereal products and fresh fruit while in most centres surveyed they were lower for meat, fresh vegetables and sugar. The housing component rose in twelve cities and declined in two others mainly in response to increased shelter costs along with scattered increases in electricity rates. Clothing indexes increased across the country with the exception of Ontario where a reduction in the provincial sales tax resulted in lower clothing prices. Transportation components advanced in all regional cities due largely to increased automobile operating costs. Health and personal care indexes increased in all centres because of increased dental care fees.

In Edmonton, the All-Items index rose by 0.5% from March to April 1975, and by 10.8% from April 1974 to April 1975.

The food index declined 0.3% with lower prices being reported for pork, poultry, fresh vegetables and restaurant meals. Higher quotations were registered for dairy products, fresh fruit and eggs. Increased automobile operation costs contributed substantially to the 1.2% rise in transportation.

The housing index moved up 0.5% reflecting increased shelter costs and higher furniture prices. The health and personal care component advanced 2.3% mainly in response to increased dentists' fees. A 1.0 % rise in the tobacco and alcohol index was attributable to higher prices for liquor and wine for home consumption.

	Index	Percent Change	
		1973 - 1972	
		March, 1973	April, 1973
All-items	141.5	0.3	10.0
Food	141.5	-0.3	10.5
Food for home consumption	143.7	-0.1	11.3
Dairy products (excl. butter)	139.9	-0.2	73.4
Cereals and bakery products	140.7	0.0	22.7
Eggs and milk (excl. cream)	141.8	1.3	22.4
Meat, poultry and fish	142.0	-0.2	-4.9
Other	145.1	0.1	5.2
Fruits and vegetables (II)	144.5	0.7	29.7
Wine and liquor (I)	140.2	1.3	15.2
Prepared and part. prep.	141.1	-0.1	16.0
Alcohol and tobacco (I)	140.2	-0.3	22.9
Other food (I)	143.3	-0.1	29.2
Beverages (II)	140.9	1.2	2.8
Food away from home	140.3	0.3	10.3
Shelter	140.1	0.4	8.7
Household operation	139.5	0.3	12.8
Clothing	141.0	0.3	7.4
Men's wear	140.4	0.3	4.3
Men's wear	140.7	0.0	8.2
Children's wear	140.4	0.1	10.9
Footwear	141.8	0.7	4.9
Fabric goods and notions	137.2	0.1	4.1
Clothing services	142.7	0.9	28.4
Transportation	141.7	1.3	14.3
Private transportation	139.8	1.3	18.1
Public transportation (I)	143.2	0.4	4.2
Health and personal care	142.9	0.3	11.2
Recreation, education and reading	141.3	0.3	10.3
Tobacco and alcohol	138.1	1.0	11.3

(I) April, 1973 = 100.

TABLE 1

Consumer Price Indexes for Edmonton

Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1961 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per Cent Change	
		April 1975 from	
	April 1975	March, 1975	April 1974
All-items	167.9	0.5	10.8
Food	195.5	-0.3	10.9
Food for home consumption ...	168.7	-0.1	11.3
Dairy products (incl. butter	198.9	2.2	23.4
Cereals and bakery products.	194.7	0.9	22.7
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	189.8	1.3	22.6
Meat, poultry and fish	192.0	-1.7	-4.5
Eggs	195.6	6.1	3.2
Fruits and vegetables (1) ..	124.8	0.7	20.7
Frozen food (1)	129.3	1.9	11.2
Prepared and part. prep.			
dishes and snacks (1) ...	136.2	-1.7	16.6
Other food (1).....	168.4	-2.2	22.9
Beverages (1)	142.3	-0.4	33.0
Food away from home	254.9	-1.2	9.4
Housing	149.3	0.5	10.3
Shelter	146.2	0.6	8.7
Household operation	154.3	0.5	12.8
Clothing	161.6	0.3	7.6
Women's wear	156.4	0.0	4.5
Men's wear	164.7	0.9	8.2
Children's wear	140.4	0.1	10.9
Footwear	180.4	0.5	4.9
Piece goods and notions	137.2	0.1	9.1
Clothing Services	182.7	0.0	18.6
Transportation	161.7	1.2	14.5
Private transportation	155.9	1.3	16.2
Public transportation (1).....	113.7	0.4	6.2
Health and personal care	192.9	2.3	11.2
Recreation, education and reading	171.5	0.5	10.0
Tobacco and alcohol	152.3	1.0	11.3

(1) April 1973 = 100.

Consumer Price Index: For Montreal

Main Groups and Selected Subgroups, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1967 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	1972	March, 1973	April 1973
All-items	107.0	107.2	107.5
Food	105.7	105.9	106.3
Food for home consumption	105.7	105.9	106.3
Dairy products (incl. butter)	106.8	107.0	107.3
Cereals and bakery products	106.1	106.3	106.6
Fats and oils (incl. margarine)	105.8	106.0	106.3
Meat, poultry	105.8	106.0	106.3
Eggs	105.8	106.0	106.3
Fruits and vegetables	105.8	106.0	106.3
Prepared and partly prepared food (1)	105.8	106.0	106.3
Alcohol and tobacco	105.8	106.0	106.3
Other food (2)	105.8	106.0	106.3
Beverages (3)	105.8	106.0	106.3
Food away from home	105.8	106.0	106.3
Housing	105.8	106.0	106.3
Shelter	105.8	106.0	106.3
Household operation	105.8	106.0	106.3
Clothing	105.8	106.0	106.3
Woman's wear	105.8	106.0	106.3
Men's wear	105.8	106.0	106.3
Children's wear	105.8	106.0	106.3
Footwear	105.8	106.0	106.3
Personal accessories	105.8	106.0	106.3
Household goods and fixtures	105.8	106.0	106.3
Clothing services	105.8	106.0	106.3
Transportation	105.8	106.0	106.3
Private transportation	105.8	106.0	106.3
Public transportation (4)	105.8	106.0	106.3
Health and personal care	105.8	106.0	106.3
Recreation and culture	105.8	106.0	106.3
Tobacco and alcohol	105.8	106.0	106.3

In Calgary, the All- Items index rose by 0.7% from March to April 1975 and by 11.5% from April 1974 to April 1975.

The food index decreased 0.4% in response to lower prices for most meats, fresh vegetables and sugar. Increased quotations were recorded for fresh fruit, dairy products and restaurant meals. Increased local transit fares along with higher automobile repair charges largely contributed to the 2.3% advance in transportation. The housing index rose 0.8% as a result of increased shelter costs and higher furniture prices. Increased prices for adult apparel and children's footwear contributed to a 0.8% rise in clothing. The health and personal care component advanced 1.4% reflecting increased dental care costs. The tobacco and alcohol index moved up 0.9% in response to higher prices for liquor and wine for home consumption

Food	100.0	0.0	100.0
Food for home consumption (1)	100.0	0.0	100.0
Prepared food (1)	100.0	0.0	100.0
Prepared and part. prep. dishes	100.0	0.0	100.0
and snacks	100.0	0.0	100.0
Other food (1)	100.0	0.0	100.0
Beverages (1)	100.0	0.0	100.0
Food away from home	100.0	0.0	100.0
Dining	100.0	0.0	100.0
Shelter	100.0	0.0	100.0
Household operation	100.0	0.0	100.0
Clothing	100.0	0.0	100.0
Women's wear	100.0	0.0	100.0
Men's wear	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children's wear	100.0	0.0	100.0
Furniture	100.0	0.0	100.0
Fine goods and notions	100.0	0.0	100.0
Clothing accessories	100.0	0.0	100.0
Transportation	100.0	0.0	100.0
Private transportation	100.0	0.0	100.0
Public transportation (1)	100.0	0.0	100.0
Health and personal care	100.0	0.0	100.0
Recreation, education and culture	100.0	0.0	100.0
Tobacco and alcohol	100.0	0.0	100.0

TABLE 2

Consumer Price Indexes for Calgary

Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1961 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per Cent Change	
		April 1975 from	
	April 1975	March 1975	April 1974
All-items	169.1	0.7	11.5
Food	202.9	-0.4	11.4
Food for home consumption	195.9	-0.7	10.6
Dairy products (incl. butter) ...	199.6	2.2	23.1
Cereals and bakery products	200.9	0.6	19.4
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	208.3	-2.8	28.6
Meat, poultry and fish	201.3	-2.7	-6.4
Eggs	187.3	-0.4	3.3
Fruits and vegetables (1)	127.0	1.2	20.0
Frozen food (1)	134.5	-0.4	14.6
Prepared and part. prep. dishes . and snacks	144.9	-1.4	19.5
Other food (1)	179.5	-2.1	30.2
Beverages (1)	139.9	-0.8	25.4
Food away from home	255.6	0.5	14.7
Housing	150.0	0.8	11.3
Shelter	150.6	0.7	10.2
Household operation	150.6	1.1	12.9
Clothing	164.4	0.8	8.2
Women's wear	161.9	0.9	6.5
Men's wear	166.4	0.9	8.1
Children's wear	145.7	1.5	10.1
Footwear	182.0	0.6	8.7
Piece goods and notions	136.9	0.0	10.1
Clothing services	168.7	0.0	11.6
Transportation	162.6	2.3	15.2
Private transportation	155.6	1.7	14.6
Public transportation (1)	128.7	5.5	18.0
Health and personal care	178.7	1.4	11.9
Recreation, education and reading ...	172.1	0.5	10.2
Tobacco and alcohol	150.2	0.9	11.8

(1) April 1973 = 100

TABLE 3

Consumer Price Index Changes for Edmonton, Calgary, and
Canada, Main Groups, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1961 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	Edmonton		Calgary		Canada	
	% change March 1975 to April 1975	% change April 74 to April 75	% change March 75 to April 75	% change April 74 to April 75	% change March 75 to April 75	% change April 74 to April 75
All Items	0.5	10.8	0.7	11.5	0.5	11.1
Food	-0.3	10.9	-0.4	11.4	0.5	13.0
Housing	0.5	10.3	0.8	11.3	0.3	10.2
Clothing	0.3	7.6	0.8	8.2	-0.1	6.8
Transportation	1.2	14.5	2.3	15.2	1.4	12.2
Health and Personal Care	2.3	11.2	1.4	11.9	1.6	11.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	0.5	10.0	0.5	10.2	0.5	11.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	1.0	11.3	0.9	11.8	0.4	11.7

